

and side-effects connected to ophthalmic surgery; (b) as a base for artificial tears formulation; (c) as controlled release matrices of medicaments; and (d) as healing and anti-adhesive agents; in which the principal ingredient is a cross-linked hyaluronic acid according to Claim 3.---

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---16(New). Vascular prosthesis, biohybrid organs, healing devices ophthalmic and otological compositions prothesis, implants and medical devices comprising as a principal ingredient a cross-linked hyaluronic acid in solid or seimi-solid form according to Claim 3.---

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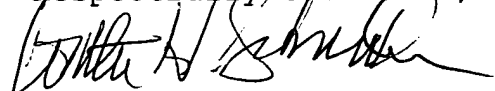
REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in order to eliminate multiply dependency of claims and to restrict the number of independent claims to three or less.

An Abstract page has been submitted for inclusion as a part of the application.

Entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

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